

Welcome

Montana Asthma Advisory Group

Sacajawea Hotel, Three Forks

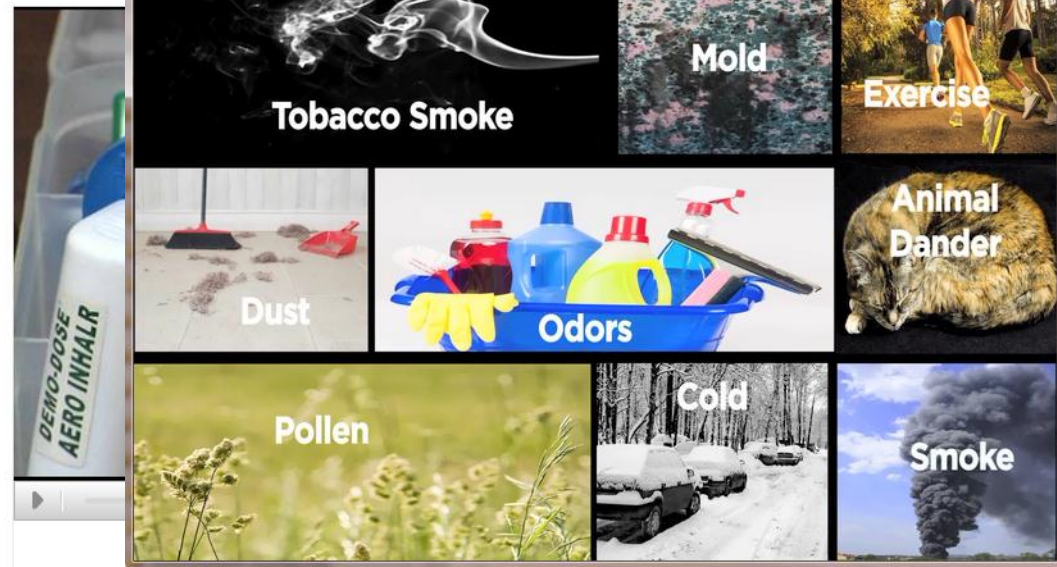
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World Asthma Day

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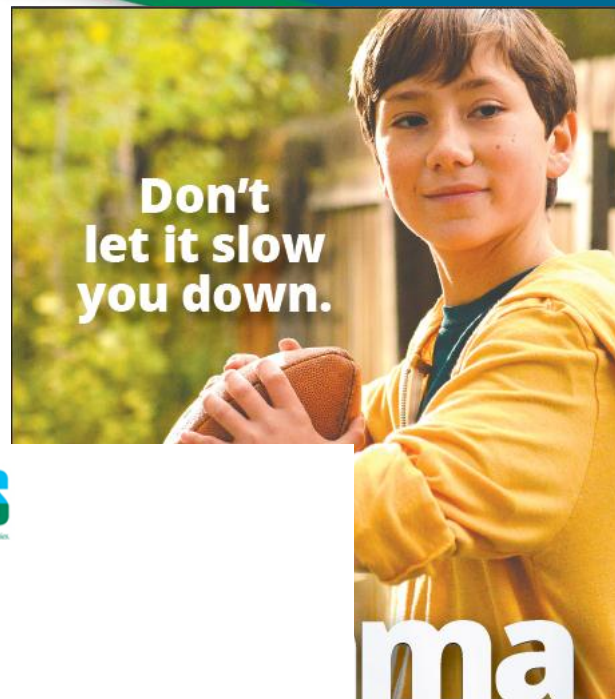
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By Nessa Wright



BUTTE - Springtime is the peak season for asthma and allergy related medical problems. It's no wonder may marks asthma and allergy awareness month and May 5 is World Asthma Day.

The state Department of Public Health and Human Services says



World Asthma Day May 5

and resources to help

1 in 12 people in Montana currently have

activities.

educators and other health care providers



dphhs.mt.gov/asthma



Announcements

- MAAG brochure
- Medication assistance
 - [WI assistance program](#)
- Grantee meeting- June 17-19
 - Medicaid panel
 - Reimbursement panel
 - Home visiting panel
- Year 2- Continuing application submitted

Announcements

- New performance measures

| Year 1 performance measures | |
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| Program documents | A. Prioritized list and description of opportunities for expansion of comprehensive asthma control services by leveraging health care reform |
| Legislature Medicaid/Insurance Partner Orgs. | B. Number and description of meetings to educate high-level decision makers about asthma burden and evidence-based strategies |
| Surveillance/Epi | E. Map, chart, or other tool demonstrating the overlap between existing program activities and areas or populations with poor asthma outcomes |
| Evaluation | F. Descriptions of actions taken to improve program activities and increase program effectiveness based on evaluation |
| Tobacco, mini-grants | J. Description of policies supportive of comprehensive asthma control adopted by educational or housing agencies influenced by the state asthma program |

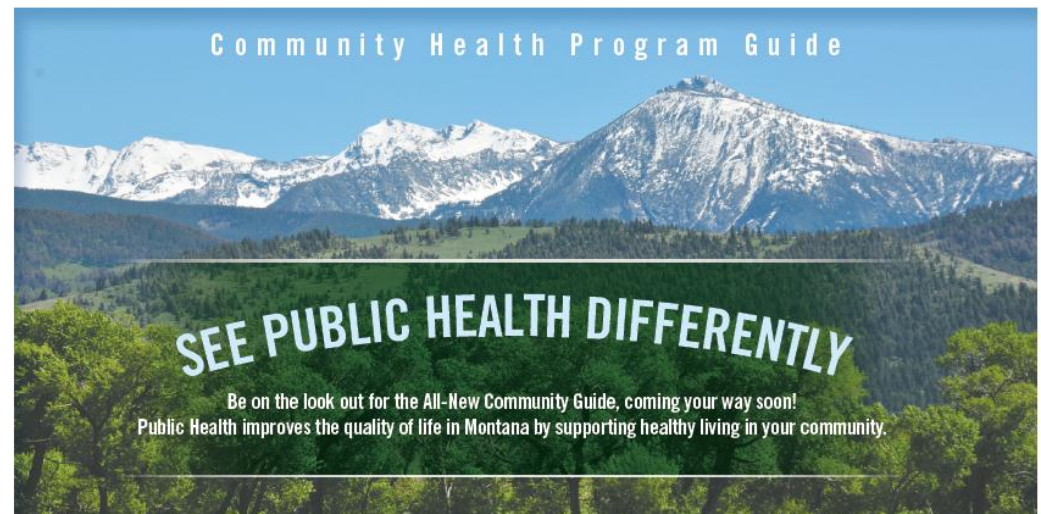
| Year 2 performance measures | |
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| Mini-grants | C. Total enrollment, including racial, ethnic, and SES breakdown of students in schools or districts covered by MOAs, MOUs, or other formal agreements |
| MAP | G. Number and demographics of program participants (a) initiating and (b) completing guidelines-based intensive asthma self-management education |
| MAP | H. Number of participants completing intensive self-management education who successfully demonstrate basic asthma self-management knowledge and skills |
| MAP | I. Number of participants completing the program who are without a primary care provider at the time of enrollment and are a) referred to (required) and b) access (optional)care for asthma |
| MAP | K. Number of program participants who: had poorly controlled asthma and were not using a long-term control medication regularly on enrollment; who reported better adherence to long-term control medication a month or more after completing intensive asthma self- management education |
| MAP | L. The number of participants with poorly controlled asthma on enrollment who report their asthma is “well-controlled” one month or more after receiving intensive self-management education |
| QI projects | N. Number of health care organizations (HCOs) influenced by the State Asthma Program to implement an asthma quality improvement process |
| MAP | R. Number and percent of participants in a partnering home- or school-based program who were referred by a health care organization during the reporting period |

Since last meeting

- AHEAD implementation
 - Training held at North Valley Hospital in January
 - In discussion with others
- Big Sky Pulmonary Conference
- AAE training
- Webinars
- MAP legislative funding request
- Present at Montana Association of School Nurses

Things we are working on

- Interactive maps
 - [ArcGIS Online](#)
- Coordinated communications



Things we are working on

- Passport Provider letters
 - 148 letters
 - 665 people
 - 763 encounters
 - 160 ED visit
 - 27 admissions
 - 441 controller underuse
 - 135 SABA overuse



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Dear Passport Provider,

The Montana Asthma Control Program (MACP) and the Montana Medicaid office have partnered in a quality improvement project to improve the health of Montanans with asthma. This project is meant to assist Passport Providers in identifying Medicaid-enrolled patients in need of support for managing their asthma.

This project is based on the Expert Panel Report-3 guidelines published by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), which establish recommendations for appropriate diagnosis and management of asthma.

On the following pages is a list of patients attributed to you as their Passport Provider who incurred claims between October and December 2014 for one of four asthma-risk criteria:

1. Non-adherence with asthma controller medications defined by patients who have no prescription for controller medications within the 90 day patient profile period.
2. Over-reliance on asthma rescue medications defined by patients who have filled three or more prescriptions for short-acting rescue medications within a 60 day timeframe.
3. ED visit with an asthma diagnosis within the 90 day patient profile period.
4. Hospital admission for asthma within the 90 day patient profile period.

Some of these patients may have already been seen in your office for their uncontrolled asthma. For those that have not been seen, we encourage you to contact your patients as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to:

1. Review their asthma care plan.
2. Discuss barriers to self-management or provide extra education.
3. Use spirometry as a tool to diagnose and monitor patients with persistent asthma (NHLBI guidelines suggest people with persistent asthma receive spirometry at least every 24 months).

The Montana Asthma Control Program has several tools to help you in your efforts, such as a home visiting program for children with uncontrolled asthma, several training opportunities for health care providers and their staff, and quality improvement support. See our website for more information: dphhs.mt.gov/asthma.

Sincerely,

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Save the Date

- Webinar
 - Thursday, August 20st 12pm-1pm
 - Watch for more information
- MAAG meeting
 - August 21st, Helena

Today's Agenda

- Information from the AAAAI meeting
- Evaluation planning
- Asthma ED discharge data in Montana
- State of Montana employee wellness program for asthma
- Partner updates

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